

**State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** State Clearinghouse  
Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Central Valley District  
22708 Broadway Street  
Columbia, CA 95310

**PROJECT TITLE:** Koch Cabin Restroom Stabilization

**LOCATION:** [Columbia State Historic Park](#)

**COUNTY:** Tuolumne

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Stabilize the lean-to restroom located on the east side of the Koch Cabin in Columbia State Historic Park to help prevent the collapse of the lean-to and to protect the Cabin. The Cabin is currently vacant and considered a contributing element to the surrounding NHL. The lean-to, a bathroom, is falling over due to a tree that is pushing against it. Work will;

- Remove the hazard tree that is impacting the lean-to;
- Dispose of the sink, toilet, electric heater, and misc. non-historic fixtures and debris;
- Remove the existing plywood siding and re-cover with proper sized 1" x 8" or 10" or 12" redwood siding to restore both the exterior and match the exterior of the Cabin;
- Install cross bracing to keep the lean-to upright, but in a state of arrested decay; and
- Cut and cap existing water pipes to reduce safety hazards and leave the old cast iron sewer pipe in place if possible.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Central Valley District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption      Class: 1, 2 & 4      Section: 15301, 15302 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the repair or minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond current levels and is included as "Utility repairs or minor upgrades" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR§15300.4; replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and the minor public or private alterations in the condition of land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees.

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